

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, Applicant was required to restrict between the invention set forth in Claims 1-13 and the invention set forth in Claims 14-21. Applicant acknowledges that an election to prosecute the invention set forth in Claims 1-13 was made on June 24, 2005. Therefore, Claims 14-21 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,019,705 issued to Habuda. Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,572,623 issued to Lapp in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,997,767 issued to Grover. Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Lapp combined with Grover and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 572,770 issued to Putnam. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Habuda in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,302,911 issued to Bender. Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Habuda in view of U.S. Patent No. 844,036 issued to McMurtrie. Claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if re-written in independent form.

While Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's contention that the rejected claims are unpatentable over the art of record, Applicant has re-written Claim 1 to include all of the subject matter of Claims 1-5. Thus, Applicant has effectively re-written Claim 5 in independent form.

Claims 2-5 have been cancelled.

It is submitted that Claim 1 as amended, as well as its dependent claims, namely, Claims 6-13 are now allowable.

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In view of the above Amendment and Remarks, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. An early allowance is solicited.

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